(b) what steps are being taken to bring back forest officers who have been deputed abroad on various jobs; and

(c) what are the measures being taken to bring about better training for forest officials and instil greater sense of duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Forest officers are deputed for assignments abroad only for limited periods at the end of which their return to India is insisted upon.

(c) A programme of compulsory training of Indian Forest Service Officers for a week every year has been initiated in 1986 The existing training programme in forestry subjects has also been reviewed.

Development of tourist Spots in West Bengal

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Government's plan for development of tourist spots in West Bengal such as Sunderbans, Shantiniketan, Siliguri, Digha, Ayodhya Hills and similar other places;

(b) whether work has started on these spots;

(c) how much money has been allocated for the purpose; and

(d) what are the agencies entrusted with the work of implementation of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (c) *Sunderbans*—There are two proposals regarding floating accommodation in Sunderbans. One is an on-going scheme for which Rs. 7.00 lakhs have been sanctioned and Rs. 6.50 lakhs released and another for an amount of Rs. 85.00 lakhs is under consideration.

Shantiniketan— The State Government have forwarded a proposal for expansion of Tourist Accommodation at Shantiniketan at a cost of Rs. 49.00 lakhs. The proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry.

Siliguri—There is no proposal from the State Government for development of any spot in Siliguri.

Digha —Rupees 40.17 lakhs have been sanctioned for the construction of a Tourist Lodge and 5 cottages at Digha out of which Rs. 20.00 lakhs have been released.

Ayodhya Hills—Rupees 8.52 lakhs have been sanctioned for the the construction of 8 cottages at Ayodhya Hills, out of which Rs. 5.13 lakhs have been released.

(b) Excepting for Shantiniketan which is to be taken up in 1987-88 and the second scheme of Sunderbans, work is in progress at all the places mentioned in (a) and (c) above.

(d) The work of implementation of all the above mentioned projects is being done by the State Government agencies.

Raising of army by G.N.L.F.

4. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Amrit Bazar Patrika dated the 27th December, 1986 regarding bid to raise army by the Gorkha National Liberation Front Leaders;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Government have noticed the news-item. However, inquiries made so far have revealed that there is nothing to corroborate the allegation.